THE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES

Biographical Information on the Nominees for Election 2001

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

Cynthia Herrup is Professor of History and Law at Duke University and Visiting Professor in History at Birkbeck College, London. She received both her undergraduate degree in journalism and her PhD in early modern European history from Northwestern University. Her major publications include *The Common Peace: Participation and the Law in Seventeenth-Century England* (Cambridge 1987) and *A House in Gross Disorder: Law Sex and the 2nd Earl of Castlehaven* (Oxford 1999); her current project is a cultural history of the pardon in seventeenth-century England. She recently served on the NACBS Committee on the State and Future of British Studies in North America, but her major service to the organization was as Editor of The *Journal of British Studies* from 1991 to 1996.

FOR THE COUNCIL:

Maryanne Kowaleski received her B.A. in French Literature from the University of Michigan and took her graduate degrees in Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. Since 1982, she has taught at Fordham University, where she is Professor of History. Her publications include *Local Markets and Regional Trade in Medieval Exeter* (Cambridge, 1995); *Women and Power in the Middle Ages* (Athens, GA, 1988), which she co-edited; and *The Haveners' Accounts of the Earldom and Duchy of Cornwall* (Devon and Cornwall Record Society, 2001). She has also published articles on the demographic history of singlewomen, urban oligarchies, and marine fishing. As a Guggenheim Fellow in 2001/02, she will be working on an ethnography of maritime communities in medieval England. In 1991-96 she served on the Board of Editors of the *Journal of British Studies*.

Philippa Levine was educated at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, and has taught modern British history at the University of Southern California for ten years, and has also taught at institutions elsewhere in the United States, in Australia and in Britain. She is on the editorial board of the *Journal of British Studies* and is the 2002 program chair of the American Historical Association's annual conference. She has also been active in organizing a number of Pacific Coast CBS conferences over the years, and was co-chair of the 1996 conference program committee with the late John Phillips. She has just completed a book manuscript tentatively entitled *Prostitution, Race and Politics: Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire, 1860-1918* and is also author of *Feminist Lives in Victorian England. Private Roles and Public Commitment* (Blackwell, 1990), *Victorian Feminism 1850-1900* (London and Gainesville, 1987), and *The Amateur and the Professional. Historians, Antiquarians and Archaeologists in Victorian England, 1838-1886* (Cambridge, 1986). Most recently she co-edited *Women's Suffrage in the British Empire: Citizenship, Nation and Race* (London, 2000). Her current projects

include a short history of the British Empire for Longman Pearson Books and an edited volume on gender and empire as part of the *Oxford History of the British Empire*.

FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SEAT 1:

Martha Carlin is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A medievalist, she received her doctorate from the University of Toronto (Medieval Studies, 1984). Her research interests include the history of towns, especially London and its suburbs; food and eating; shopping and shopkeeping; and domestic technologies. Prof. Carlin served on the Council of the London Record Society from 1994 to 1998; she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 1996. Her publications include: *Medieval Southwark* (London and Rio Grande,1996*); London and Southwark Inventories, 1316-1650: A Handlist of Extents for Debts* (London: 1997), and a co-edition of *Food and Eating in Medieval Europe* (London and Rio Grande 1998).

Rachel Weil received her B.A. in History from Brown University in 1981 and her Ph.D. from Princeton in 1991. She has taught at the University of Georgia (Athens) and is now Associate Professor of History at Cornell University. She has published articles on the place of gender, sexuality and the family in early modern political discourse, including 'Sometimes a sceptre is only a sceptre: pornography and politics in Restoration England' in Lynn Hunt, ed., *The Invention of Pornography* (1993). Her book, *Political passions: gender, the family and political argument in England 1680-1714*, was published in 1999 by Manchester University Press. She is beginning a new project on the epistemology of political allegiance in the seventeenth century. Her service to the field of British studies includes two stints as program chair/co-chair of the Middle Atlantic Conference on British Studies.

FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SEAT 2:

Douglas M. Haynes joined the faculty at the University of California, Irvine after completing his doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley in modern British history. Imperialism, science and medicine, the black Atlantic, and the representations of British culture in the United States mass media comprise his teaching and research interests. His chief research publications are concerned with locating the place of Victorian imperialism in the making of British medicine and science. They are: *Imperial Medicine: Patrick Manson and the Conquest of Tropical Disease* (Philadelphia, 2001); 'Framing Tropical Disease in London: Patrick Manson, the *Filaria Perstans* and the Uganda Sleeping Sickness epidemic, 1893-1902,'*Journal for the Social History of Medicine*,13 (2000); 'The Social Production of Metropolitan Expertise in Tropical Diseases: the Imperial State, Colonial Service and the Tropical Diseases Research Fund,' *Science, Technology and Society*, 4 (1999); and 'Social Status and Imperial Service: Tropical Medicine and the British Medical Profession in the Nineteenth Century,' in David Arnold, ed., *Warm Climates and Western Medicine: The Emergence of Tropical Medicine,1500-1900* (Atlanta and Amsterdam, 1996). Since graduate school he has been

active in the NACBS as a member, presenter and panel chair. Presently, he is completing his final year as secretary of the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies.

Ben R. McRee earned his doctorate in medieval British history from Indiana University in 1987. He has taught since that time at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a liberal arts institution serving roughly two thousand students. He has chaired the History Department there for a number of years. His research interests lie in the religious and urban history of the late-medieval and early Tudor periods, particularly as they have intersected in the activities of urban religious gilds. Results of that work have appeared in *The Journal of British Studies*, *Speculum*, and *The English Historical Review*, among other places. His current projects include a prosopographical study of Norwich's Common Council, a consideration of the mayor as political symbol in the fifteenth-century city, and an exploration of the meaning of "urbanism" for this period.